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Constitution and Bylaws
# of the
Village of Tazlina
Alaska

Preamble

We, a group of residents of Tazlina, Alaska, having a common bond of residence, in order to promote our welfare through the development of Governmental and economic interprises, do establish this Constitution and by laws.

Article I- Name

The name of this organization shall be Tazlina Village Council.

Article II- Definition of Territory

The exterior boundaries of Tazlina Village Council shall coincide with land selected under the Alaska Native claims settlement act and any other land acquired by this village.

Article III- Membership

Section 1- All persons whose names appear on the membership roll compiled by the village shall be members of this Village.

Section 2-A. New members. All children of any member who is a resident of Tazlina Village shall be members of this Community.

B. Any person who becomes a resident of Tazlina may be adopted by the Council by a majority vote in its regularly called meeting.

Section 3- Definition of adult, any person who is 18 years of age or older will be considered adult.

Article IV- The Council

Section 1- There shall be a Council composed of a President and four members elected by the adult members of the Community.

Section 2- The Council shall represent the Community in all its understanding and shall exercise the powers of the Community enumerated in this Constitution.

Section 3- Each member of the Council shall serve for a term of two years.

Article V- Powers of the Council

Section 1- To do all things for the common good which it has done or has had the right to do in the past and which are not against Federal and State laws as may apply.

Section 2- To deal with the Federal government and its agencies and the State government and its agencies on behalf of the Community; to deal with any person, firm, Corporation or municipality on behalf of the Community.

Section 3- To provide for filling vacancies in office consistent with this Constitution.

Section 4- To levy dues, fees and assessments for Community purposes on members of the Community and to provide for their collection and inforcement through its ordinances for the good of the Community. No such assessments shall be laid except by resolution of the Council at any regularly called meeting..

Article VI- Change of Officers

Section 1- Any officer of the Council or official of the Community who is convicted of a felony or any other offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude shall forfeit his office.

Section 2- If the office of a Council member is vacant for any reason, the council may appoint a successor to serve until the next regular meetiong of the Community, at which time a member shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Article VII- Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution and bylaws may be proposed by a resolution of the Council or of the Community. Amendments shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of adult members, provided that at least 25 percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such an election.

Article VIII- Dissolution

The Constitution and bylaws shall continue in existence until dissolved by a majority vote of the adult members of this Community, provided that at least 25 percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such an election.

Bylaws of Tazlina Village
Article I- Duties of Officers

Section 1- The president. The president of the Council shall preside over all meetings of the council and of the Community, exercising the usual duties of a chairman and any others deligated to him. He may vote in Council meetings only in case of a tie. The president is charged with general responsibilities for the admenistration of the Community and ordinances and resolutions.

Section 2- The vice president. The duties of the vice president, in the absence of a president, will be the same as those of a president.

Section 3- The Secretary-treasurer. The secretary-treasurer shall act as a chairman in the event the president or the vice president is absent from the village. He shall conduct all correspondence and keep a complete and accurate record of all business transactions of the community or of the Council. He shall record all rules and regulations and ordinances in appropriate books for the information and guidance of the Community members. He shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds for which the council is responsible. He shall make a faithful record of such funds and shall report to the Council all receipts and expenditures and the amount and nature of all funds in his prossession or custody. He shall not pay out or authorize disbursement of any funds for which he is responsible except upon authorization of the Council.

Section 4- Appointive officers. The duties of all appointive officers, agents or committees appointed by the Council shall be clearly defined by a resolution of the Council at the time of appointment. No appointive officer shall serve for a term longer than the elective officers.

Article II- Qualification of Officers

Section 1- No person maybe a candidate for any elective office unless he has the qualifications of a voter.

Section 2- No person who has been convicted of a felony maybe a candidate for any elective office.

Article III- Meetings

Section 1- The Council shall meet on the first saturday of the month at 7:30 P.M.; unless otherwise ordered by the Council, and at such times as may be voted by the majority of the Council.

Section 2- The president may call such other special meetings as he may seem necessary by giving two days notice to the members of the Council.

Section 3- The quorum. Three Council members shall constitute a quorum for a Council meeting, and for general Community meetings. One-forth of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4- Careful and accurate record in the form of minutes shall be kept off all regular and special meetings of the Council and preserved in the appropriate files of the Council.

Article IV- Rights of Members

Section 1- All members of the Village 18 years of age or over shall have the right to vote in Village Meetings and elections.

Section 2- Members of the village shall have the right to speak and meet freely in a peaceable way.

Section 3- Members of the Village shall have equal chance to share in the benefits of the Village.

Article V- Adoption

This constitution and bylaws shall be in effect when it is agreed to by a majority vote of the Village members voting in an election called voting membership take part. The person entitled to vote are all the adult residents in the Village of Tazlina Alaska.

Certification of Adoption

We the undersigned members of the Village having been chosen to be the election judges by the majority of the members, certify that we were present at an election called for the purpose of adopting this Constitution and bylaws an APRIL, 1979; that the foregoing was duly adopted at such election by a vote of 36 for and 0 Against, where at least 25 percent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots.

Robert Marshall

Chairman, Election Board

Johnny Goodlataw

Chairman, Election Member